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Killings shake up Keego Harbor

Cops: Deaths of pair,
their adult children a
triple murder-suicide

BY MIKE MARTINDALE
The Detroit News

Keego Harbor — A quiet residential street became a horrific crime scene Friday with news that four people — a couple and their adult children — died in what police are describing as a triple murder-suicide.

Yellow crime scene tape framed the two-story wood frame bungalow in the 2300 block of Cass Lake Road where police were sent about 8:10 a.m. on a welfare check after a relative became worried about the family, Keego Harbor Police Chief John Fitzgerald said.

"A relative had concerns and asked us to look into it," said Fitzgerald. "It's tragic, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family."

Inside the house officers found four bodies who neighbors identified as Daniel Stuart, 47, his wife, Lauren, 45, and their children, Bethany, 24, and Steven, 27.

Fitzgerald said the "perpetrator" was among the dead but would not provide details other than to stress "we think we know what happened here and there is no danger to neighbors."

Fitzgerald said police have recovered what is believed to be the murder weapon but would not elaborate. He said all the deaths remain under investigation.

Neighbors John and Jackie Tristani said they awoke Friday to learn police were outside the victims' home.

"My son said police were repeatedly calling out 'Lauren, come outside,'" said John Tristani. "When she didn't respond they (police) went inside. A few minutes later, they came back outside, shaking their heads."

Tristani said he had been watching television late Thurs-

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FBI didn't heed Fla. attack warning

Feds to review processes after
failure to investigate tip in Jan.

BY KELLI KENNEDY, CURT
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Associated Press

Parkland, Fla. — The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a "desire to kill" and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI's director to resign because of the missteps.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a "tragic consequence" of the FBI's failure and ordered a review of the Justice Department's processes. He said it's now clear that the nation's premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs.

In more evidence that there had been signs of trouble with the suspect, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said at a Friday news conference that his office had received more than 20 calls about Nikolas Cruz in the past few years.

A person close to Cruz called the FBI's tip line on Jan. 5 and provided information about Cruz's weapons and his erratic behavior, including his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school.

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In a statement, the agency acknowledged that the tip should have been shared with the FBI's Miami office and investigated, but it was not. The startling admission came as the agency was already facing criticism for its treatment of a tip about a YouTube comment posted last year. The comment posted by a "Nikolas Cruz" said, "I'm going to be a professional school shooter."

The FBI investigated the remark but did not determine who made it.

The 19-year-old Cruz has been charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, north of Miami.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said the agency, which received an average of 2,101 calls to the tip line each day in 2017, was still reviewing its missteps on the January tip. He said he was "committed to getting to the

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Natalie Rogers of #ReclaimMSU makes demands as interim MSU President John Engler runs his first board meeting Friday. "It is time to stop prioritizing the brand and reputation," Rogers said.

MSU protesters: 'This is a management issue'

BY KIM KOZLOWSKI AND KAREN BOUFFARD
The Detroit News

East Lansing — With many still furious over the Larry Nassar scandal, students and faculty demanded Friday that the Michigan State University Board of Trustees directly address sexual assaults before the university moves on.

Protesters twice interrupted a three-hour long board meeting to deliver that message.

One of those who spoke out was Natalie Rogers, representing #ReclaimMSU, a coalition formed in response to how the institution responds, prevents and investigates sexual misconduct.

"The current administration's attitudes and inaction toward discrimination, harassment and sexual violence on campus are un-

acceptable," said Rogers, a sophomore from Canton Township, after she went to the front of the board meeting during the public comment portion. "It is time to stop prioritizing the brand and reputation."

Earlier in the meeting during a discussion on Interim President John Engler's proposal to realign health care at the university, a faculty member burst out of the audience and declared the board needed to discuss "the real issues."

"We are kind of missing the point here," said Jean Boucher, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology. "Health is not the issue. This is a management issue. This is

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Engler rips latest
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Mourners on Friday place flowers on a memorial for the victims of the high school shooting in a park in Parkland, Florida.

Russians charged with meddling in 2016 presidential race

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

Washington — In a historic indictment, the U.S. special counsel accused 13 Russians Friday of an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging them with running a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton.

The federal indictment, brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most detailed allegations to date of illegal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the outcome.

The Russian organization was funded

by Yevgeny Prigozhin, the indictment says. He is a wealthy St. Petersburg businessman and a member of President Vladimir Putin's inner circle.

Trump quickly claimed vindication

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"The results of the election were not impacted. The Trump campaign did nothing wrong — no collusion!" he tweeted.

But the indictment does not resolve the collusion question at the heart of the



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"People are not always who they appear to be on the internet," Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said Friday.

continuing Mueller probe, which before Friday had produced charges against four Trump associates. U.S. intelligence agencies have previously said the Russian government interfered to benefit Trump, in-

cluding by orchestrating the hacking of Democratic emails, and Mueller has been assessing whether the campaign coordinated with the Kremlin.

The latest indictment does not focus on the hacking but instead centers on a social media propaganda effort that began in 2014 — including a June 2014 trip with a stop in Michigan — and continued past the election, with the goal of producing distrust in the American political process. Trump himself has been reluctant to acknowledge the interference and any role that it might have played in propelling him to the White House.

The indictment does not allege that any American knowingly participated in

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